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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OHMI, et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/023,416** ✓

Examiner: **John C. Fox**

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For: **FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS**

AMENDMENT
- EXPEDITED RESPONSE -
GROUP ART UNIT 3753

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 11, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **May 12, 2004**, finally rejecting claims in the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejection of claim 2, particularly in view of the following amendments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page of this paper.